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ISAP Director Visits Region



Dr. Michael Fox, animal behavioral psychologist and author, recently visited Klein's Eggland Farm in Madison, Connecticut to study the behavior of chickens as part of his research into "factory farming" techniques and alternatives.

Dr. Fox is Director of The Institute for the Study of Animal Problems, a division of The Humane Society of the United States. John J. Dommers, Director of the National Association for the Advancement of Humane Education, accompanied Dr. Fox and his research associate, James Cohen, on the two day study.

According to Dommers, "Dr. Fox's work as part of our new Institute is to seek 'definitive solutions' to several of the major problems that occur when man and other animals meet. One of the increasing problems we are seeing today is a result of large 'agribusiness' taking over small farms. People are treating animals more as machines than the sentient creatures they are.

"Klein's Eggland Farm represents the kind of small farm operation that is in danger of becoming extinct very shortly. Kleins' chickens are not stuffed into small cages in crowded conditions as are so many on large poultry farms where intensive farming techniques are used.

"Dr. Fox is studying the behavior of chickens and other farm animals under relaxed and stressed conditions. His studies are expected to show that animals kept in overcrowded conditions produce far less than 'happy' animals in a more open setting. Dr. Fox will make national farming technique recommendations

based on his studies. These should ultimately make the farming operation more profitable for the owner and more comfortable for the animals."

While in Connecticut, Dr. Fox spoke to a major gathering of humanitarians at the annual meeting of Animals In Distress (A.I.D.) an organization based in Wilton, Ct. Over 170 people attended the meeting to hear Dr. Fox's illustrated presentation titled, "Between Animal and Man", based on his latest book.

Dr. Fox, who often appears on the Johnny Carson show, graduated from the Royal Veterinary College and London University. He has a regular "Pet Care" column in McCall's magazine. His books include "Understanding Your Dog" and "Understanding Your Cat".

Other facets of Dr. Fox's studies focus on experimental animals used in laboratories, slaughter techniques, dog and cat population control, and euthanasia techniques and practices for animals.

Dr. Fox will be continuing these studies in New England later this year.



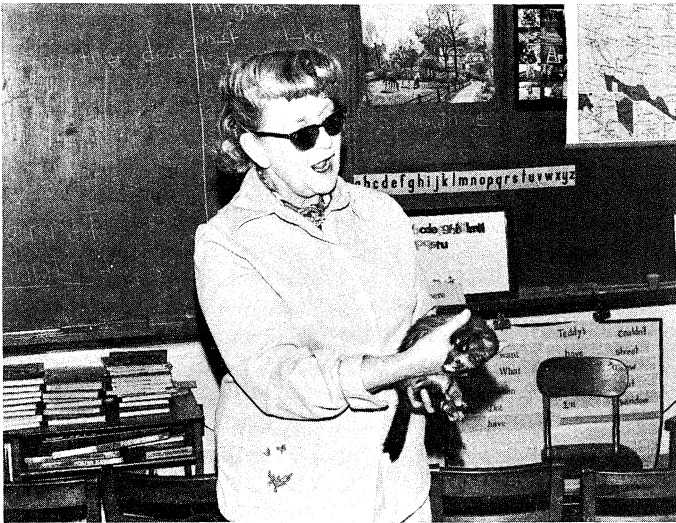
HSUS/Dommers

Dr. Fox and Mr. Cohen also studied the problems associated with veal calf farming. Professors from the University of Connecticut Agricultural School assisted the animal behavior experts. Veal calves are confined to small wooden stalls and are kept in almost total darkness during their short lives. Their liquid diets contain antibiotics and other supplements.

SAMANTHA (THE FERRET) MAKES HER DEBUT AS A FIRST GRADE TEACHER

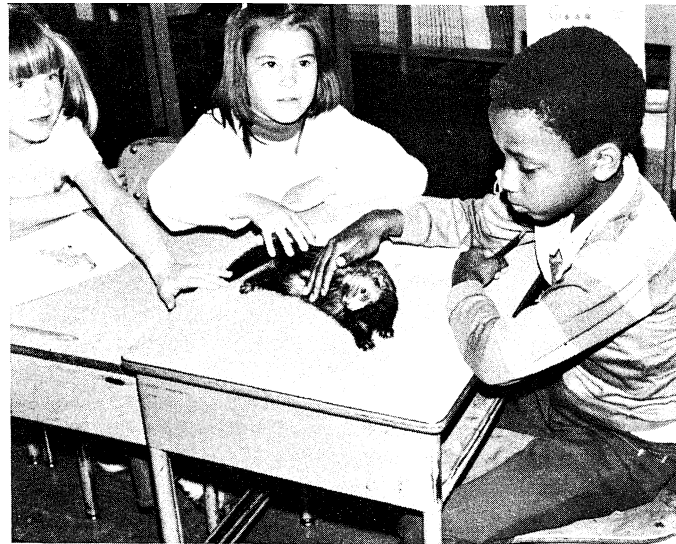
No one knows where Samantha came from when she was picked up a few years ago on a street in West Haven, where the sight of a wandering European Ferret is something of a shocker.

After her rescue, she sojourned briefly at the West Rock Nature Center, until she took up permanent residence at Mrs. Jean Hickey's Animal Technology Classroom at Wilbur Cross High School in New Haven.



Samantha, submitting graciously as Jane Mercugliano tells Ridge Road School First Graders Samantha's own story, and all about ferrets and their place in the animal kingdom. (Editor's note: Jane Mercugliano serves on The Connecticut Board of Advisors, The HSUS New England Regional Office.)

She was an instant hit with the Ridge Road School first grade and their teacher Mrs. Grace Gardner when Joe and Jane Mercugliano brought her to Room 19 to present a short glimpse into the life and habits of a friendly ferret. The children were thrilled to find Samantha curious, friendly and very pettable, although she didn't hold still very well while they were coloring their ferret pictures to take home to show what a bright new friend they had made that day.



Wesly Gibson and two of his classmates meeting Samantha, the Friendly Ferret when she visited recently at the Ridge Road Elementary School in North Haven.

NEW ENGLAND EDUCATORS ORGANIZE

Humane educators throughout New England had their first meeting in Boston in early April. John Dommers organized and coordinated the meeting which was hosted by the American Humane Education Society at the Mass. SPCA headquarters. Over twenty educators from four states attended. The purpose of the organization is to share information, avoid duplication of efforts, and promote humane education workshops and programs in schools and communities throughout New England. The next meeting is slated for September 15, 1977 at Massachusetts Audubon Society in Lincoln, Mass. Interested educators may contact John Dommers at P.O. Box 98 in East Haddam, CT 06423.

SUNDAY BOW-ARROW HUNT SHOT DOWN BY GOVERNOR

Gov. Grasso, arguing that citizens should have one day a week in state parks free of hunters, rejected a bill allowing Sunday deer hunting with bow and arrow during the bow-and-arrow hunting season.

"There should be one day a week when state parks and forests are left to the use of our citizens without concern that they will meet hunters' arrows as they enjoy the out-of-doors," Mrs. Grasso said in her veto message.

She also said she fears the measure (PA 77-130) could lead to new pressure for hunting on Sundays with firearms.

The New England regional office has always opposed this bill and will continue to do so.

As we go to press—the Governor vetoed a deer "Jacklighting" bill, citing that the technique was not humane.

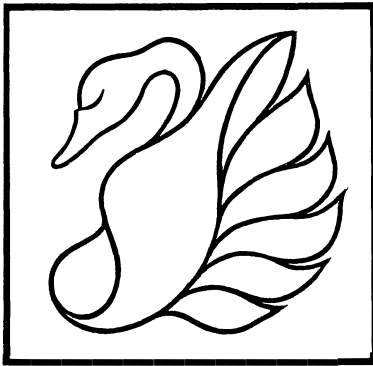
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION HEADQUARTERED AT HUMANE EDUCATION CENTER

John Hoyt, HSUS President, recently announced the appointment of John J. Dommers to head the National Association for the Advancement of Humane Education. The Association was formerly based at the University of Tulsa under the direction of Dr. Stuart R. Westerlund. The new base of operation will be The Norma Terris Humane Education Center in East Haddam, CT.

According to Dommers, "The new NAAHE program is designed to respond to the needs of classroom, animal welfare organization, nature center, church and youth group educators. "Among the activities of this new umbrella organization are:

1. Publishing a teacher's magazine that provides realistic and practical material on how to conduct humane education programs and where to get materials.
2. Developing and conducting workshops for school teachers and humane society educators nationwide.
3. Creating and publishing humane education materials such as filmstrips, books, records, tapes, and educational TV programs. Some materials will be jointly published with local humane societies.

Organizations and individuals interested in joining NAAHE or subscribing to the new Journal, HUMANE EDUCATION, should contact Dommers at P.O. Box 98, East Haddam, CT 06423.



PET & WILDLIFE PRESERVATION

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Three years ago, when Pet & Wildlife Preservation was organized, it was decided to choose a name that encompassed wild animals as well as domestic. If possible, we wanted to try to help our wild creatures as well as cats and dogs. As soon as the telephone for our wildlife assistance service was hooked up the

calls started coming in. A good number of our calls are from frightened people that have come in close contact with a small wild animal. The little raccoon in the woman's tree in broad daylight (probably chased up there by a dog at daybreak) is just as formidable and dangerous in her mind as a full grown rabid mountain lion would be. Just having a place to call for advice is often all that is necessary.

The woman who called in tears, one week before Christmas, appeared easy to help. Her 2 year old pet de-scented skunk "Flower" had through a mishap, gotten out of the house three days ago. She had seen him under her garage but had not been able to coax him out. It was cold, there was snow on the ground and Flower had never been out before. We set her up with a box trap and a mayonnaise lure and within 15 minutes Flower was back in the safety of his home, or was he? Five minutes later Flower's owner was back on our phone. "I am not sure that the skunk in my basement is Flower. This one has a small white tip on the end of his tail and I don't think Flower's tail did. He seems tame but I am afraid to go near him, I have a house full of company staying with me for the holidays and if this skunk sprays it will be June before we get rid of the odor." After phone calls that all ended in laughter or sorrow, we finally found a very brave veterinarian who was willing to take a look. The skunk was retrapped and transported trap and all with a blackout cover. The vet gingerly picked Flower up by the tail, breathed a sigh of relief and handed him to his owner. Flower's tail does have a white tip.

Relocating the very large snapping turtle was several experiences rolled into one. At 4:30, one afternoon last summer, a call came in from one of our Directors that a large turtle was in danger of being destroyed unless we did something immediately to save it. A call was put into the nearest sanctuary some 20 miles away. They were closing for the day but the snapping turtle should be saved. A large reservoir in their area was being overpopulated and a snapping turtle would help to restore a healthy balance. They would have someone wait if we could bring the turtle to them. We put the turtle in the only available container large enough, a 20 gallon metal garbage can (she just fit standing up on her hind legs). The can was tied crossways in the back of a station wagon and off we went. The turtle was not very happy with the motion of the car or the can. She scratched on the metal and pushed at the cover, that was left ajar, with her head. Halfway to the sanctuary the skies opened up and let loose a torrential downpour. By the

time we got off the parkway and onto the narrow winding road that led to the sanctuary, the turtle was putting up a deafening ruckus. The rain was coming down so hard it was difficult to see and the heavy winds made it even more difficult to keep the car on the road. We at last arrived at our destination, all of us, including the turtle, in a frazzled state. As we pulled up to the front door, out came a woman dressed in rain gear and hiking boots. She opened the door of our car and got in. To our disbelief she was giving us directions to go down the road a piece. This road was even narrower and consisted totally of hairpin turns. The defrosters suddenly gave up working. The excessive heat and humidity was causing the car to overheat. Then the unbelievable happened—the storm got worse. When we finally reached the reservoir (at least a million miles later) we were confronted with a sheer rock wall 10 feet down to the water. The turtle, in her garbage can, had to be carried down to be released. This rescue mission had happened so fast that none of us were dressed for the occasion except the sanctuary lady. Our attire consisted of high heels, skirts, smooth bottomed sandals and not a raincoat in the crowd. We were thankful that there was a man in our midst. He was able to hold the weight of the turtle while the rest of us slipped and slid down the embankment to the water while guiding the turtle to her beautiful huge new habitat (she came from a small polluted pond). Finally, we removed the lid, tipped the can on its side and submerged it slightly into the water making it possible for our turtle to simply swim out. As we stood bent over the can soaking wet, hot, bruised and exhausted we watched our turtle slowly poke her head out and carefully look around. I think we all felt total despair when she pulled her head in and moved back into the can. All the banging, shaking and tipping could not budge her. We briefly gave up and as we stood with the rain pouring down on us our turtle suddenly started to move forward, she was one-third out. Her head started to extend, she submerged her eyes, briefly hesitated and with a burst of energy dove in. We had but a few short seconds to watch the beautiful sight of her swimming off before she disappeared from sight, but they were unforgettable.

Then there was the backyard farmer with a dislike for raccoons (feeling that they would damage his crops). He called a neighbor who was known to be a member of our organization. He was going to destroy the raccoons that had invaded his property unless she could come up with an alternate solution. She let him borrow her box trap and offered to relocate them a distance away. After the third raccoon was relocated a problem arose. Several areas were becoming overpopulated and distemper was evident. When the farmer brought a pair of young raccoons to be moved the only solution was to release them in her own backyard. The farmer came several more times with what was obviously the same young ones. When he returned the trap he said that there were still a few left but they didn't appear to be doing any damage. He felt that he had caught a considerable number and was grateful for our help. We hope to have a safe relocation habitat this year and more volunteers to do the work. Our wildlife calls are now over 700 yearly. Our success rate, of helping the wild creatures in need is at least as high a percentage as that of cats and dogs.

We all know the cat/dog overpopulation problem al



NORMA TERRIS, "THE GODMOTHER"

"Sandy", the all American mutt who was adopted from "death row" at a Connecticut Humane Society animal shelter and went on to make it BIG in the Broadway smash hit "Annie", would have made it anyway, thanks to Norma Terris. You see, Norma is Sandy's "Godmother", so to speak. Last summer when "Annie" finished its trial run at the Goodspeed Opera House in East Haddam, CT, Norma hosted a special reception for "Sandy." At that reception, held at the HSUS/Norma Terris Humane Education Center, the former star of the original "Showboat" presented "Sandy" with a check for \$150.00 to insure the dog would be well cared for by his owner, William Berloni. Norma noted that "things can get mighty tough in New York," especially when there was no guarantee the show would make it big. But the show did—seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical of the Season. Norma has helped whitetail fawns, bluebirds, and animal stars of the stage in very unselfish ways.

SALUTE TO CHARLOTTE GRISWOLD

Mrs. Matthew Griswold (Charlotte) has retired from the Board of Directors of The HSUS. For many years, Mrs. Griswold has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the former Connecticut Branch of The HSUS, as an Advisor to the New England regional office of HSUS, and of the HSUS National Board of Directors. Although she has retired, her dedication, wisdom, and constructive effort through the years will continue to inspire the activities of the Society for many years to come. We anticipate that her counsel will be available as the need arises. That such counsel would be invaluable, as a summary of her activities illustrates so well.

A humanitarian from childhood on, Charlotte discerned early that exploding people and animal populations were causing immense suffering worldwide as well as threatening the future of life itself on earth. Acting on that perception, she became a volunteer leader in both Planned Parenthood and The HSUS.

Her associates in Planned Parenthood speak glowingly of her work in behalf of their cause. We in The HSUS also appreciate her work in behalf of our cause—to promote kindness and eliminate suffering amongst animals.

Never ever has she fenced herself in where animal projects are involved. We have seen her rescue the

individual distressed animal at the same time as she sat in the highest councils of HSUS planning the long-term future of the world-wide animal welfare movement. She has had a hand in forming and guiding the national HSUS humane education programs. She has labored tirelessly to see that good laws are made and are accorded good enforcement. She has spoken out against cruelties of whatever nature to whatever creatures. She has toiled to recruit members, raise funds, encourage public understanding and enhance the stature of the humane movement.

We salute the contribution of this modest gracious lady who, in her firm but quiet manner, has accomplished so much.



Charlotte Griswold (right), is pictured above with HSUS President, John A. Hoyt during a Certificate of Appreciation award to Jeanette Mongin in Old Lyme, CT.

We also recognize the staunch support of her loyal husband, Dr. Matthew Griswold, whose own work in civic betterment and humanitarian fields gives him understanding of his beloved wife's labor of love for all living things. Humanitarians everywhere salute you, Charlotte and Matt. Thank you, and God bless you!

James C. Shaw

ADVANCE NOTICE:

HSUS WORKSHOP for—

- 1) Humane Society Leaders
- 2) Animal Control Officers
- 3) Educators

SEPTEMBER 30, OCTOBER 1, 1977

RAMADA INN at I-84 & I-91
East Hartford, Connecticut

The program and registration forms will be mailed out on August 15, 1977.

For further information:

Call John Inman, 203-522-4908, or write:
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New England Regional Office
630 Oakwood Avenue
West Hartford, Connecticut 06110

Regional Reports

THE STATE OF MAINE

L.D. 1092 is a bill introduced by Senator Walter Hichens at the request of Mrs. William Parks of York, a member of HSUS. The bill intends to improve the methods of euthanasia of Maine's unwanted dogs and cats by authorizing the use of only 1) sodium pentobarbital, 2) carbon monoxide, 3) chloroform for infant animals, and 4) gunshot where absolutely required. Senator Hichens invited The HSUS to testify and your Regional Director and Dr. Michael Fox of our Institute for The Study of Animal Problems represented you. A joint committee on Agriculture heard the testimony.

Subsequently, both houses of the Legislature passed the bill and it became law without the Governor's signature. The Governor expressed to Senator Hichens his concern that the bill might "restrict the day-to-day management ability of the Executive Department". He went on to explain that the problems surrounding methods of euthanasia might be better solved through regulations prepared and administered by the Division of Animal Welfare rather than by mandating the solutions to the problems through a law.

Subsequently, your Regional Director sought and received an invitation from Director Stanley Brown, Division of Animal Welfare, Department of Agriculture, to attend a meeting of the Division's Advisory Board. The Board is constituted by various animal interest and protection groups, a veterinary medical representative, and legal counsel. Regional Director Inman attended on May 18 and, during the meeting, was invited to comment on the "euthanasia methods bill". After a long discussion of the subject, the Advisory Board and Director Brown extended Inman an open and standing invitation to attend any and all of their future meetings. Inman expressed his appreciation at the invitation to participate in the Advisory Board's discussions.

THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In addition to many phone conversations and personal meetings with individuals, Regional Director John Inman has met humanitarians and attended meetings of several animal welfare societies since coming to the Region. Included in this category are Protectors of Animals, Inc., Portland; Animals in Distress, Westport; and The Connecticut Advisors (formerly the Board of Directors of The Connecticut Branch of HSUS). Inman has also made presentations to The Connecticut Humane Education Council which met at Woodbury, and the Dog Welfare Association of Connecticut which met at Hartford. He attended a recognition dinner at which John Dommers presented Tony Cosenza with an HSUS Certificate of Appreciation for his Humane Education work at West Rock Nature Recreation Center, New Haven. Finally, he has met with Chief Canine Control Officer Louis Golet of the State of Connecticut, Dr. William Haines, President of the Connecticut Veterinary Medical Association, Mr. August Helberg, Executive Director, The Connecticut Humane Society, and has begun consultations with the City of Hartford on its animal control problem through Mr. Hoyle Moore, of the Administration's Budget Research.

AS WE GO TO PRESS: "New Hampshire Bobcats and Fisher Given Reprieve" The New Hampshire legislature approved and Governor Meldrim Thompson signed into law House Bill 324 which makes illegal any hunting or trapping of bobcats or fisher in the state of New Hampshire for the next two years. The bill was introduced by Representative Fritz Sabbow of Laconia for the statewide antitrapping group, Advocates of Controlled Trapping. New Hampshire now joins New Jersey, Connecticut, Maryland, Rhode Island, Kentucky, Illinois, and Pennsylvania in at least temporary protection for Lynx rufus, a species rapidly becoming threatened or endangered in many parts of the United States.

Director's Message

Hello, New Englanders! It's good to be with you. We are now happily settled in the new location of the Regional Office here in West Hartford. If you would like to stop in and say hello, my secretary, Ms. Barbara Fuller, and I would be happy to see you! Although our office is modest, we do have a vast amount of technical information on animal related subjects which we'd be happy to share with you for use in your society's work. If you'd like to talk with me personally, I recommend that you call ahead just to be sure I'm not out on a field assignment.

As you know, my immediate predecessor, John Dommers, has been re-assigned as Director of the National Association for the Advancement of Humane Education, a job for which we all know that he is well qualified. I will be attending to matters having to do with:

- 1) Animal sheltering and control problems and programs.
- 2) The training of animal control officers and shelter employees.
- 3) Investigation of reports of animal abuse.
- 4) Legislative matters.
- 5) Your society's structural, organizational, and programming problems.
- 6) And, perhaps most important, membership development and financial support for the great programs currently being carried on by our HSUS Staff.

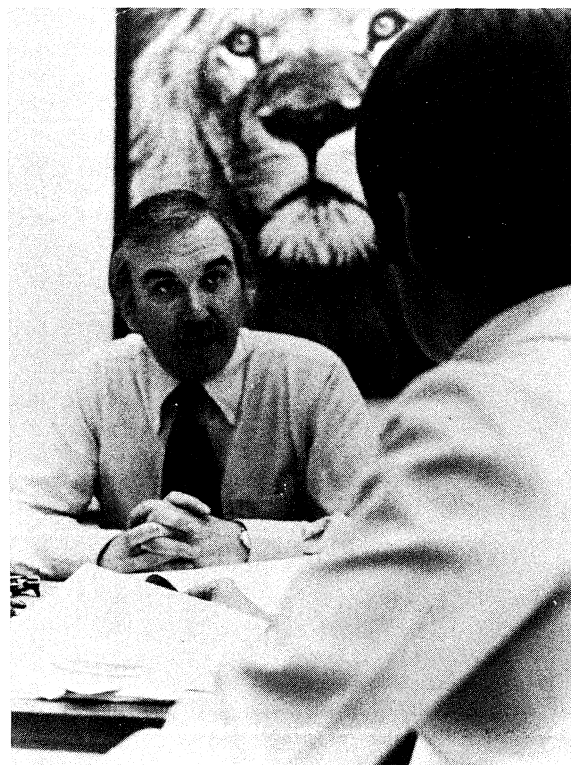
Over the past six years under the eminent leadership of President John Hoyt, we have all seen The HSUS grow significantly in size, stature, and effect. We are making an impact. Our staff members are being sought after for assistance by government agencies, educational institutions, and animal welfare societies from all over the United States. I am proud to be assigned to New England as part of the team. I have already met some of you and look forward to meeting the rest of you in the days ahead. Rear Admiral Shaw and John Dommers have established a firm foundation on which to build. I anticipate a lot of hard work, a lot of progress, and a lot of pleasure, as we HSUS members together speak out for the animals who cannot speak for themselves. I look forward to your renewed membership in The HSUS and your extra financial or personal contribution. Also, how about a gift membership for one of your friends? It would be a great vote of confidence for us to receive that kind of continued support from you.

John W. Inman

HSUS Appoints New Regional Director

John W. Inman, Jr.
Director

New England Regional Office
The Humane Society of the United States



Mr. John Inman was appointed Director of the New England Regional Office of The Humane Society of the United States effective February 1, 1977. He succeeds Rear Admiral James C. Shaw (USN ret'd.) who has retired.

Inman was assigned to open the first regional office for The Humane Society of the United States in September 1971. Located in Fort Wayne, Indiana, that office served the Great Lakes Region of Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois.

As Regional Director, Inman has consulted with and helped local humane societies and state federations in organizing and programming animal welfare projects and assisting municipal and state government officials with procedures for animal control. He has given, upon invitation, information to state legislatures on numerous animal protection matters.

He has promoted the growth and influence of local and state humane groups through joint meetings in various quadrants throughout the region. In collaboration with the staff from The HSUS headquarters in Washington, D.C., Regional Director Inman has conducted a number of highly successful workshops on such matters as animal shelter operation and management, animal rescue and handling, investigation procedures, education, and public relations and fund raising.

Mr. Inman was responsible for the formation in 1973 of a unique organization which, in effect, was

a consortium of local animal interest groups in his own community. Named the "Alliance for Animals", it became a council made up of the Fort Wayne Humane Society, The Allen County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the Fort Wayne Cat Fanciers Association, the Northern Indiana Kennel Club, the Fort Wayne Obedience Club, the Fort Wayne Veterinary Medical Association, and the Fort Wayne Zoological Society. The purpose of the Alliance was, and still is, to coordinate the humane education programs of these member organizations and to provide financial assistance to indigent pet owners for the medical care of their pets (especially sterilization). It is believed to be the first consortium of its kind in the nation.

Although born and reared in the Midwest, Mr. Inman is no stranger to New England. He is a native of Michigan City, Indiana, and a graduate of Denison University, Granville, Ohio. He attended the Colgate Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, New York and was graduated from the Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge, Massachusetts.



STUDENT JOINS HUMANE SOCIETY FOR SUMMER WORK TERM

In an effort to expand the HSUS animal awareness program, a student from Goddard College in Vermont has joined the staff at the Norma Terris Humane Education Center.

Sue Porteus, a resident of East Hampton, CT is working with The Humane Society while on a non-resident term in her junior year. Working to increase the public's awareness about the plight of our wildlife, pet overpopulation and our attitudes towards all animals, Sue presents audiovisual programs to schools, college classes, library groups, and citizen action organizations throughout New England.

Sue is particularly interested in endangered species as well as working with wildlife in a rehabilitation center helping injured animals and preparing them for release.

lows us a national average of homes available for puppies and kittens born each year of 15%. Pet and Wildlife Preservation is able to place about 25%. We run a home to home adoption service and our success rate is due to our geographical location. We are located mid-way between two large cities. The population density of our surrounding areas affords us many outlets for adoptions.

Our organization's most important work is education. Our series of lecture programs that are available for children or adults are our most rewarding work. Placing a cat or dog in a good home or helping a wild creature in need is temporarily gratifying. Giving the lecture and answering the questions at the end of the program gives one a feeling of lasting progress. We are working for the survival of all living things from endangered species to biological mosquito control and by association; the environment, conservation and pollution. The main ingredients of being a member of P&WP are being concerned and getting involved. We can only recruit the public into our efforts by making them aware of their dependency on nature's intricate balance.

Pet & Wildlife Preservation, Inc. of Milford, CT is a group which provides great service to the community it serves. We are printing this article by Joan Proto for your information and enrichment.

J. Inman



Artwork by
Robert Proto

WELCOME TO KATHY SAVESKY

The New England Region welcomes Kathy Savesky, newly appointed Director of the American Humane Education Society based at the Massachusetts SPCA in Boston. Kathy is the former Director of Education for the Indianapolis Humane Society. Both Jack Inman and John Dommers have worked closely with Kathy in setting up several cooperative programs in Indiana. Kathy is replacing Mathilde Kearny who is moving to Australia.

NEW ENGLAND FEDERATION OF HUMANE SOCIETIES ANNUAL MEETING

The Humane Society of the United States participated in the 1977 Annual Meeting of the New England Federation of Humane Societies on Thursday and Friday, June 9 and 10. The Society was represented by New England Regional Director John Inman and Director of the National Association for the Advancement of Humane Education, John Dommers.

During the course of the meetings, presentations were made on the following subjects: rescue and care of orphaned wildlife; rescue and care of unwanted cats; education; legislation; and racing of both dogs and horses. John Walsh, Field Director of The International Society for the Protection of Animals, reported on

his "Operation Noah II", a rescue program of several hundred animals of a variety of species from a flooded river valley in Panama in 1976.

Perhaps the most provocative discussion took place over the issue of the racing of dogs and horses. The New England Federation has resolved to take some action to stop the abuses resulting from racing. The steps to be taken will be determined by the Federation's Board of Directors at a later date. The horse racing interests were presented by Paul Wheeler, President of the Horsemen's Benevolent Protective Association of Wakefield, Mass. The dog racing interests were presented by John McIsaac, Director of Public Relations of the Plainfield Greyhound Park, Plainfield, Ct. It became apparent from their presentations that as these racing activities prosper and expand, many animals are suffering abuse because of the profit motive. The Humane Society of the United States has already been involved in these matters elsewhere in the nation, and Regional Director Inman hopes to bring the resources of the HSUS to bear on the situation in New England.

Elected to the Board of Directors of the New England Federation of Humane Societies for the next year were: Ida Mallory, Pine Tree Humane Society, Alfred, Maine—President; Tom Browe, Rutland County Humane Society, Rutland, Vermont—1st Vice President; Walter Kilroy, Mass. S.P.C.A., Boston, Mass.—2nd Vice President; Stanley Browne, State Department of Agriculture, Div. of Animal Welfare, Augusta, Maine—Secretary; Richard Bryant, Animal Rescue League, Boston, Mass.—Treasurer; Frank Intino, Connecticut Humane Society, Newington, Ct.; Robert X. Mathews, Rhode Island S.P.C.A., Providence, Rhode Island; Jodi Ferry, New Hampshire S.P.C.A., Concord, New Hampshire; David Madeiros, Animal Rescue League, New Bedford, Mass.; Bob Reynolds, Director of Animal Control, Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

A PROPOSAL: THE TUFTS-NEW ENGLAND SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

On Thursday evening, June 16, Dr. George Whitney (DVM) invited a number of Connecticut citizens to hear Dr. Thomas W. Murnane present a progress report on the development of the first veterinary medical school in New England since the Middlesex College at Waltham, Mass. closed in 1947. Dr. Whitney is a member of the Connecticut Advisors of the HSUS New England Regional Office. Regional Director John Inman and Connecticut Advisor Allan Loeb were among those in attendance. The HSUS wholeheartedly endorses this proposal and will support it in every way possible, primarily by dissemination of information to its members about the school. It's exciting and here are some facts:

Overview

The Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine is envisioned as a regional school serving the New England states. Current plans call for the first two years of the curriculum to be offered at Tufts University's Boston Medical Center and the second two years at one or more clinical campuses, some of which will be operated in conjunction with the land-grant universities of New England. The use of the existing facilities at Tufts and the land-grant schools will minimize the amount of new

construction required for the program and will serve as a model for public-private cooperation in higher education.

Curriculum

A standard four-year veterinary curriculum is planned. Students would begin with a thorough study of the biological principles of veterinary medicine and gradually begin to work with animals in clinical situations. The School, through its post-graduate programs, would specialize in nutrition, public health, aquatic medicine, equine medicine, laboratory animal medicine and toxicology. Each clinical campus would have a specialty area determined by the needs of its immediate area and the need for a balanced curriculum.

Admissions

The School would be a regional resource. Therefore, most of the positions will be reserved for New England residents. Contracts would be negotiated with each of the New England states to secure a set number of vacancies in each entering class for that state's residents. Decisions about admissions will be made by a faculty committee and be based on undergraduate academic record, personal characteristics, scores on standardized tests and other significant factors. The projected date for the first entering class is 1979.

Class Size

A total enrollment of 400 students pursuing the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree is planned with 100 students per class. During the first years, the enrollment

will be limited, with the first class size tentatively set for 35 and then gradually increasing as facilities and faculty are acquired. A student to faculty ratio of approximately 4:1 is projected.

Affiliations

In addition to formal affiliations with the land-grant universities of New England, the Tufts School would probably have agreements for education and research with institutions such as Angell Memorial Animal Hospital, the New England Aquarium, the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, the Marine Biological Laboratories, the New England Primate Center and public and private animal hospitals throughout the six-state region. Students would serve externships and take elective courses at these sites.

Development Timetable

If the project proceeds according to schedule, planning will continue through 1977. By early 1978, the Tufts University Board of Trustees will be asked for final approval for the School, and construction of new facilities should begin. The first class will be admitted in the Spring of 1979 and classes should start that summer.

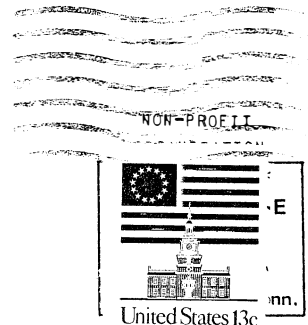
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